

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs Committee DATE: May 4, 2011

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee R. Cacchioni STAFF CONTACT: H. Gloster, Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
L. McCullough, Director of Instruction K-12
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Sharlene Drohomereski, President
COTA	Scott Smillie, First Vice-President
COPVPA	John Grodzki, Executive Member
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	No representative

Agenda

Add: Additional Material for Item 6.1

Reports/Matters Arising

The General Affairs Committee Public Meeting Report of March 2, 2011 was received.

Discussion/Action Items

1. **Mount Boucherie Secondary School** **“Science of Fun and Amusement Park Physics – Playland”**

In attendance: Julian Green, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

The Superintendent reviewed Policy 525A – Field Trip Activities (*Appendix*) and the prohibited activity of rollercoasters. Rollercoasters was added to the list of prohibited activities in May of 2010 following a review of a fatal incident involving rollercoasters. Julian Green, teacher at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, provided an overview of the establishment of the Science Club. There are approximately 100 students involved with 30-35 students planning on participating in the trip to the lower mainland. For those students participating on the field trip but not wishing to partake in the rollercoaster activity, other activities will be arranged. The outcomes from the rollercoaster would be to use technology to calculate G-force, acceleration, centripetal force, etc. The Committee discussed the options for action including moving of rollercoasters from the prohibited activities list to the restricted activities list, with the restriction being that they be permitted only as part of a curricular-based activity. The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the School Protection Plan’s (SPP) response to rollercoasters was that it was not considered a high-risk activity, and that SPP will provide safety recommendations on some activities, but does not provide guidance to Boards of Education as to how these should be dealt with in policy.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee forward to the Board of Education the following recommendation:

THAT: The Board of Education suspend Policy 525A – Field Trip Activities (*Appendix*) prohibited activity ‘rollercoasters’, and approve the students in the Physics 11 and 12 classes at Mount Boucherie Secondary School to participate in the “Science of Fun and Amusement Park Physics” program offered by Playland in Vancouver, which includes the riding on rollercoasters.

Opposed: Trustee Baxter and Trustee Hunt-Binkley

2. Amendments to Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the current Policy did not allow for certain activities during an election campaign.

At the request of trustees, item 4 was added:

4. During election campaigns, all candidate forums are permitted at middle and secondary schools provided all registered candidates are invited. The forums will be for staff and students only and must be sponsored by a teacher.

The Committee discussed further amendments to the Policy including adding “school trustees” to item 3.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee forward to the Board of Education the following recommendation:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 725 – Inviting Speakers to Schools.

3. Amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation

The amendment to Policy 135 – School Board Operation included the amendment of items to be dealt with at in-camera meetings.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee forward to the Board of Education the following recommendation:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 135 – School Board Operation.

4. Amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations

The amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations included removing reference to the Board’s representation on Kelowna, Westbank, Lake Country and Peachland Chambers of Commerce, and removal of the paragraph referencing minutes of meetings attended by trustee representatives being placed in a trustee reading file maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee forward to the Board of Education the following recommendation:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 185 – Board Representation on Community, Municipal and Provincial Organizations.

5. Amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees

The amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees included the removal of reference to “Auxiliary” Committees, and the addition of a paragraph on the description and Composition, Scope and Function for Standing, District and Ad Hoc Committees.

The Committee discussed further amendments including the formation of a District Committee as deemed necessary by the Superintendent rather than as the need arises by Board Motion.

Further amendments were discussed by the Committee.

Outcome:

That the Assistant Superintendent and Trustee Given further review amendments to Policy 140 – School Board Committees, and the amended Policy be brought forward to the next General Affairs Committee meeting for further review.

6. Policy 180 – District Scholarship Committee

The Ministry of Education has changed how the scholarships are awarded and therefore the District Scholarship Committee is no longer required.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee forward to the Board of Education the following recommendation:

THAT: Policy 180 – District Scholarship Committee be deleted.

Information Items

1. **Achievement Contract Format for 2012**

The Superintendent confirmed that the Ministry of Education's requirements and guidelines for the Achievement Contract Format for 2012 are the same as last year with the addition of the requirement for benchmarks to be included. A change to the Ministry of Education's requirements and guidelines may be made next year due to the personalized learning agenda. A draft of the Achievement Contract for 2012 will be presented at the June 1, 2011 Education and Student Services Committee meeting.

2. **Update on One Vision One Goal**

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12, provided a handout to the Committee on the plan for the development of the Attributes of an SD No. 23 Graduate. Included with the information provided were the notes of the previous three meetings of the Committee. The process has been slowed to ensure proper consultation and feedback from stakeholders. The first draft of the attributes has been provided to administrators and the entire District will receive the draft, for their feedback, this evening. The feedback will be collected through Google Docs (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16WWINam-rDHMBH4roTZJeKUJYmZPaNmQ-ehG5bkeRRM/edit?hl=en&authkey=CPHh4qwJ>). Several community members have received presentations, including Okanagan College and University of British Columbia Okanagan. The plan is to have a draft of both the Attributes of a SD No. 23 Grad and the One Goal Statement for review by the end of June. At the suggestion of Trustee Hunt-Binkley, the Director of Instruction will also consider contacting the Chambers of Commerce for their input.

Items for Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

1. Report from Subcommittee on amendments to Policy 731 and Regulation 731R – Community Service and Fundraising by Schools
2. Amended Policy 140 – School Board Committees
3. Wired Workplace Policy

Future General Affairs Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

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